Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP)

Steering Committee Meeting

July 18, 2007, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Resources Agency Bldg., Room 1311
Draft Meeting Notes

**Note: this was a special meeting of the SC, called by K. Scarborough on 7/15, with the goal of finalizing and approving the water flow parameters that will be used in hydrodynamic modeling for the upcoming Conservation Strategy Options evaluation.*

Associated documents/handouts:

- Agenda
- Revised Draft Operational Flow Parameters for CS Option 1 in a below-normal water year: Existing SWP/CVP Diversion Facilities
- Revised Draft Operational Flow Parameters for CS Option 2 in a below-normal water year: Existing SWP/CVP Diversion Facilities with an Eco-Crescent of Operable Barriers
- Revised Draft Operational Flow Parameters for CS Option 3 in a below-normal water year: Dual Conveyance Facilities
- Revised Draft Operational Flow Parameters for CS Option 4 in a below-normal water year: Isolated Conveyance

Action Items and Key Decisions

- Draft water flow values for use as parameters in hydrodynamic models were approved by SC. These models will be used in the upcoming CS Options evaluation to help differentiate effects of the four CS options.

Updates

Governor Schwarzenegger had two major water-related events this week at which BDCP was highlighted as an important program.

Conservation Strategy (CS) options evaluation: proposed draft flow parameters

Presented by Chuck Hanson (by phone) and Paul Cylinder. C. Hanson will update the flow parameter value tables to include the detailed changes agreed to by SC members in this meeting.

The group reviewed each of the flow parameter values for Option 1, with reference to the other Options where relevant. The initial draft flow parameters were established based on professional judgment with the intention of capturing reasonable, realistic values for ecological flows on the high side and water exports on the low side. Some values were based on existing standards (e.g., D-1641, agriculture water quality salinity standards). Not all parameters have set values; the blanks shown in the tables are intended to be output variables.

As a result of the discussion today, three parameters were updated by SC today to reflect suggestions from members. These changes include using D-1641 standards for X2, as had been proposed in the 7/13/07 draft of flow parameters; operating DCC gates as had been proposed in the 7/13/07 draft; and no criteria for Old and Middle River flows.

Although reservations were expressed by most of the SC members about some of the flow parameter values, consensus was reached that the proposed values are adequate for the CS Options evaluation models runs.

K. Scarborough will accept comments from members for until tomorrow in order for members to be able to discuss today's changes with their technical staff, but approval was given to start the models pending no comments from members in that time.

P. Cylinder noted several typos and the SC agreed SAIC should be authorized to correct typo and technical errors if found.

Public comment

No comments made today.

Attendees

Representatives
Karen Scarborough (Resources Agency)
Laura King Moon (State Water Contractors)
Paul Cylinder (SAIC)
Pete Rawlings (SAIC)
Campbell Ingram (TNC)
Laura Simonek (MWD)
Scott Cantrell (DFG)
Russ Strach (NOAA)
Chet Bowling (USBR)
Ara Azhderian (SLDMWD)
John Hewitt (CFBF)
Kim Delfino (Defenders of Wildlife)
Carl Wilcox (DFG)
Dale Myers (Zone 7)

By phone
Jason Peltier (Westlands)
Ann Hayden (Environmental Defense)
Tim Smith (DWR)
Greg Gartrell (CCWD)
Gary Bobker (The Bay Institute)
Will Stelle (The Resources Agency)
Karla Nemeth (Zone 7)
Chuck Hanson (SAIC team)
Delores Brown (DWR)
Marc Ebbin (The Resources Agency)
Tracy Ligon (SCVW)
Richard Roos-Collins (American Rivers, NHI)
John Engbring (USFWS)
Dave Briggs (CCWD)

Additional attendees (partial list, see sign-in sheets)
Stephani Spaar
Sasha Gennet
Jenna O'Neill